

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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<b>Comcast of Illinois III, Inc. d/b/a CHICAGO</b>	<b>:</b>	
<b>CABLE TV-IV</b>	<b>:</b>	
	<b>:</b>	
<b>Application for State-Issued Authorization</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>14-0532</b>
<b>to Provide Cable Service pursuant to</b>	<b>:</b>	
<b>Section 401 of the Cable and Video</b>	<b>:</b>	
<b>Competition Law of 2007</b>	<b>:</b>	

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**Notice of Administrative Law Judge's Ruling**

**Finding of Completeness**

On August 29, 2014, Comcast of Illinois III, Inc. d/b/a CHICAGO CABLE TV-IV ("Comcast of Illinois" or "Applicant") filed an application, an affidavit, and supporting documentation with the Illinois Commerce Commission requesting authorization to use, occupy and construct facilities in the public rights-of-way for the delivery of cable service and for State-issued authority to provide cable service in a geographic area located wholly within the City of Chicago, commonly identified as Chicago Area 4 and legally described in Attachment 1 to the application, hereinafter referred to as the service area footprint, pursuant to Section 5/21-401 of the Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/21-100 et seq.) ("Act").

On September 3, 2014, Staff filed the Verified Statement of James Zolnierrek. Mr. Zolnierrek stated that he had examined the application and the affidavit and concluded that the application and the affidavit provided by Comcast on August 29, 2014 complied with the requirements for completeness and was in accordance with the law.

Mr. Zolnierrek further stated that the law requires, among other things, that the application include "adequate assurances that the applicant possesses the financial, managerial and technical qualifications necessary to construct and operate the proposed system, and to promptly repair any damage to the public right-of-way caused by the applicant, and to pay the cost of removal of its facilities." (220 ILCS 5/21-

401(b)(8)). He said that he had examined the application and the affidavit to ensure that they contain the assurances required by the law. Based upon his examination, he concluded that the application and affidavit, including the supplemental support provided by Comcast on August 29, 2014, contain the assurances required by the law.

Mr. Zolnierек noted in making his recommendation that Comcast continues to operate under a local franchise agreement that it asserts “expired” in March 2014. Comcast does not indicate that it provided notice to the City of Chicago of its intent to file an application for State-issued authorization 180 days prior to filing such application pursuant to Section 21-301(c)(1) of the Act. He stated that he had been advised by counsel that the City of Chicago may raise the issue of whether Comcast complied with Section 21-301(c)(1) of the Act with the Commission (by intervening and requesting rehearing or reopening based on new facts), or the Attorney General, who is responsible for enforcing Section 21-301(c)(1) of the Act.

Mr. Zolnierек recommended that Comcast of Illinois’ application for State-issued authorization to use, occupy, and construct facilities in the public rights-of-way for the delivery of cable service and for State-issued authorization to provide cable services be considered complete, and that its request for authorization be granted.

The record in this Docket, consisting of the application, the affidavit, supporting documentation filed by Applicant, and Staffs’ Verified Statement, establishes that the application submitted by Applicant is complete and comports with the requirements of Section 5/21-401(d)(1) of the Act

Pursuant to Section 5/21-401(d)(1) of the Act, the Commission is required to notify an applicant within fifteen (15) business days after the filing requesting cable or video service authorization, whether its application and affidavit are complete.

Therefore, Comcast of Illinois III, Inc. d/b/a CHICAGO CABLE TV-IV is hereby notified that its application filed on August 29, 2014 for authorization to use, occupy and construct facilities in the public rights-of-way for the delivery of cable service, and for an authorization to provide cable service in a geographic area located wholly within the City of Chicago, commonly identified as Chicago Area 4, is complete.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2014.

John T. Riley  
Administrative Law Judge